

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

This school year, the Palmetto Unified School District recorded 978 GED completions. The District recorded 1,678 vocational completers. All of the District's schools and the District level operations were rated as "All Clear" (the highest possible rating) on the State Department of Education's accreditation report. The District was able to re-establish (7) vocational programs at adult centers. This year the District achieved gains on all three standards used for the school report card. On the average, students showed a gain of 1.26 grade level improvement on the Test of Adult Basic Education after 100 days of enrollment. Last year the average gain was 1.18. This year 93% of the students in the GED class passed the GED, which was an improvement over 83% recorded last year. Students completed vocational programs at a rate of 76% for school year 2005-06, which was an improvement over the 65% rate achieved last school year.

Our staff and teachers continue to focus on quality performance in the midst of challenges and limited resources.

Next year, the District will need to maintain its "Excellent" rating in all areas and respond appropriately to scheduled audits and monitoring visits. Vocational programming will continue to expand as funding permits. We will challenge our staff to maintain its focus on the Mission of the Palmetto Unified School District: "To improve the academic, vocational, and life-skills of offenders assigned to the South Carolina Department of Corrections so that they are better prepared to successfully re-enter society when released to the community."

EVALUATIONS BY STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS

	Students	Teachers	Parents
Number of surveys returned	104	16	0
Satisfied with learning environment	68.3%	87.5%	N/A
Satisfied with social and physical environment	61.1%	93.7%	N/A
Satisfied with school-home relations	N/A	N/A	N/A

Palmetto Unified School District

P.O. Box 2178/4444 Broad River Road, Columbia SC 29221

Grades	9-12	
Enrollment	811	
Superintendent	Wendell Blanton	803-896-1547
Supervisor of Vocational Education	J. Weyland Burns	803-896-1548
Supervisor of Academic Education	Vacant	803-896-1558
Board Chair	Earl Brown	803-896-1568

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL SCHOOL
2006 REPORT CARD**

ABSOLUTE RATING **EXCELLENT**

The school's performance substantially exceeded the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

IMPROVEMENT RATING **EXCELLENT**

The school's improvement rating was Excellent because of maintenance of Excellent absolute status.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS **N/A**

Definition: As required by the United States Department of Education, adequate yearly progress specifies that the statewide target is met for all students and for each subgroup of students: racial/ethnic, economic, disability, limited English proficiency and migrant status.

SOUTH CAROLINA PERFORMANCE GOAL

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

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PERFORMANCE TRENDS OVER 4-YEAR PERIOD

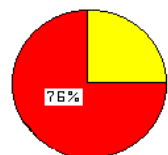
Year	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
2003	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
2004	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
2005	Excellent	Excellent	N/A
2006	Excellent	Excellent	N/A

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

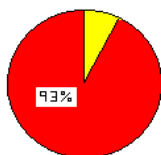
- Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal
- Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

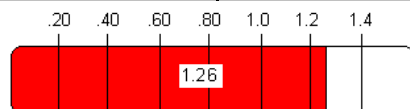
CRITERIA	SCORE	RATING
Pretest–Post-test Gains on the TABE	Average gain=1.26	5
GED Completion	93%	5
Vocational Program Completers	76%	4



Ratio of Completers to Non-completers for Vocational Programs



Ratio of Pass/Fail On GED Testing



Average Gain on TABE Grade Equivalency

Institution	Number of Students	Total TABE Gain	GED Class	Earned GED	Vocational Students	Vocational Completers
Camille Graham	14	14.9	18	16	11	9
Lee	61	64.2	16	13	17	9
MacDougall	12	28.0	6	6	4	2
Ridgeland	80	112.6	11	8	22	17
Trenton	120	184.6	71	66	94	79
Turbeville	217	218.0	85	83	27	17
Tyger River	64	92.5	31	30	13	9
Total District	568	714.8	238	222	188	142

Certified Staff	Number
Classroom Teachers	56
Vocational Teachers	22
Principals	4
Librarians	5
Guidance	4
Academic Program Manager	3
Superintendent	1
Assoc. Superintendent	1
School Psychologist	1

Degrees	Number
Doctorate	2
Masters +30	24
Masters	49
Bachelors +18	13
Bachelors	9

END OF COURSE TESTS

N/A

Abbreviations for Missing Data

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year
STUDENTS (n=811)		
Retention rate	N/A	Same
Attendance rate	N/A	Same
Students with disabilities other than speech	N/A	Same
Older than usual for grade	N/A	Same
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	N/A	Same
Annual dropout rate	N/A	Same
Total academic enrollment	12,041	Down from 13,484
Average academic enrollment	3,437	Down from 3,562
Total high school enrollment	2,505	Down from 2,677
Average high school enrollment	811	Down from 813
Total vocational enrollment	3,422	Down from 3,455
Average vocational enrollment	871	Down from 920
GED	978	Down from 1,106
High school diplomas	2	Down from 4
Completed vocational program	1,678	Up from 1,512
TEACHERS (n=75)		
Teachers with advanced degrees	77%	Up from 75%
Continuing contract teachers	N/A	Same
Percent of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	N/R	
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0	Same
Teachers returning from previous year	N/A	Same
Teacher attendance rate	N/A	Same
Average teacher salary	\$43,652.79	Up from \$42,621
Professional development days per teacher	10	Same
Out-of field permits	0	Same
SCHOOL		
Superintendent's years at the school	7	Up from 6
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/A	Same
Prime instructional time	N/A	Same
Dollars spent per pupil	\$690.29	Up from \$589
Percent of expenditures for instruction	N/R	
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries	68%	Up from 67%
Opportunities in the arts	N/A	Same
Parents attending conferences	N/A	Same
SACS accreditation	No	Same
Cost per Average Enrollment	\$1,929.37	Up from \$1,793

STAFF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Years	Number of Staff
1-5	9
6-10	13
11-15	13
16-20	18
21-25	12
26-30	18
Over 30 Years	14

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